

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure based on certain alleged informalities on page one of the Action. Appropriate correction has been made.

Additionally, appropriate headings have been added throughout the application to conform to normal formats.

The drawings stand objected to as allegedly not showing every feature set forth in the claims. Again, appropriate amendment has been made to the drawings to avoid any question of support for the claim language in the drawings. Withdrawal of the objection is thus requested.

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application. New claim 5 is added. Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

First of all, the Examiner states that "Applicant has failed to disclose how this external rotor motor is even related to use with a filter and blower unit for breathing masks or bonnets" (at page 3).

The concept of using a filter and blower unit driven by a motor on breathing masks and bonnets, to assist breathing of a user, is well known in the art as explained in the background portion of the application. Applicant has not invented the use of a filter and blower unit with a breathing mask or bonnet but rather has invented a specific form of filter and blower unit, as claimed. In fact, claims 1-4 are directed to the filter and blower unit for this specific application, but without including, as at least part of the claimed subject matter, a breathing mask or bonnet. The breathing mask or bonnet has been incorporated into the claims through the addition of claim 5.

One skilled in the art is well versed on how the filter and blower unit would be adapted to assist breathing by a user.

The Examiner further states that the applicant "has failed to disclose the details that go into the workings of each module and circuit boards that would allow an ordinary artisan [to] make the operative device" (at page 3).

The details of the components that make up the motor are not critical to the present invention. Virtually an unlimited number of different designs for these components might be devised by one skilled in the art with the applicant's teachings in hand. Applicant has disclosed the critical components and parameters necessary for one skilled in the art to produce an operative motor incorporating the claimed features. For example, the basic operation of a direct current motor is well known to those in this industry and the construction of, and interaction between, its basic components need not be described in detail to comply with 35 USC §112.

As further evidence of the adequacy of disclosure, European Patent EP 1 594 576 B1 was granted on October 4, 2006 with the same claims 1-4 as originally filed herein, based upon a corresponding application.

If the Examiner for any reason maintains this §112 rejection, it is requested that the Examiner specifically allege with respect to which claimed elements there is an alleged enablement problem.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-4 and allowance of the case are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 2

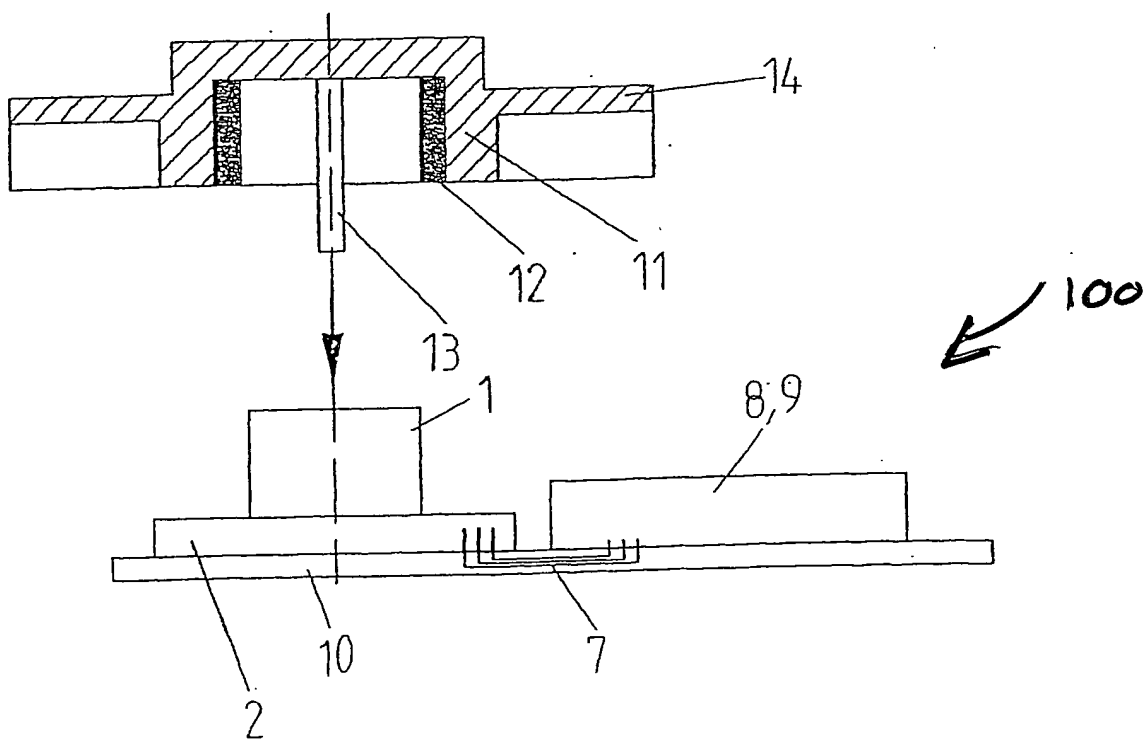
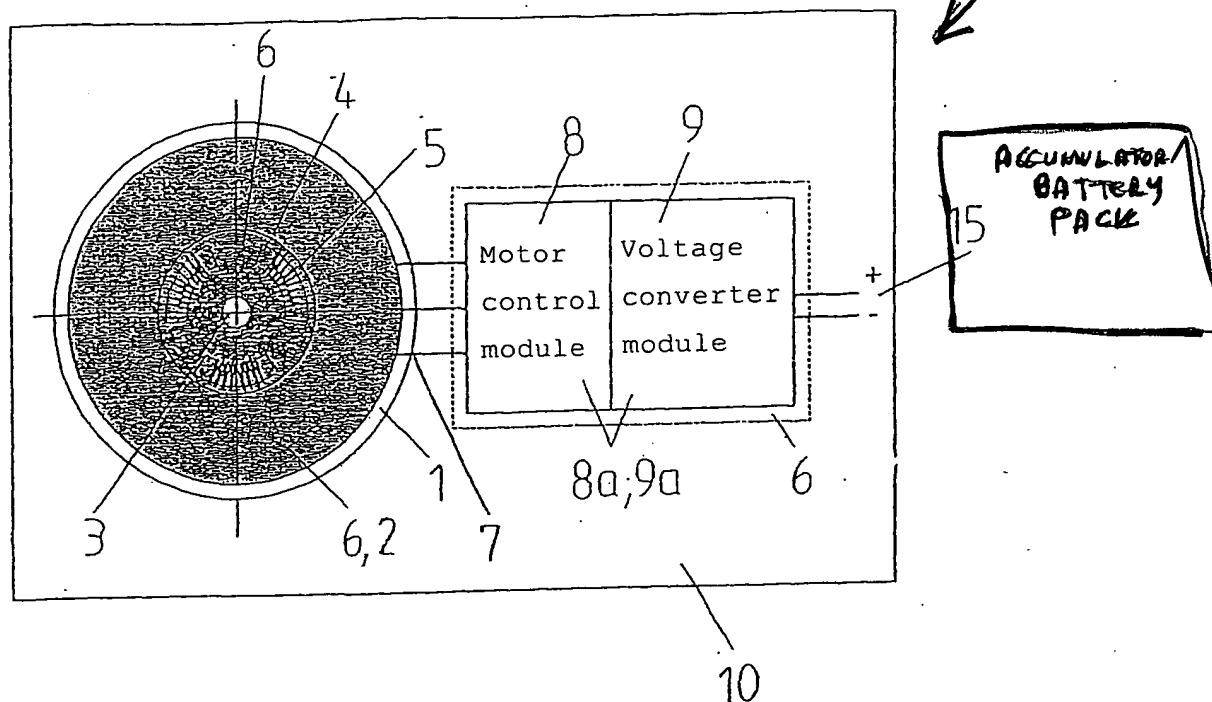


FIG. 1

FIG. 3

